Madras Gas Cracker Plant

5733. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up the Madras Gas Cracker plant in private/joint sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Harnessing of Sea Waves at Vizhinjam in Kerala

5734. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for power generation from sea waves at Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram district; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Government of Kerala have not submitted any proposal for power generation from sea waves at Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram district. However, the Department of Ocean Development (DOD) has sponsored a project to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, for installing a pilot 159 KW wave Power Generation Plant at Vizhinjam in Kerala. The project is nearing completion.

Funds Allocated to States for Development of Agriculture

5735. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to each state for the development of agriculture during the last two years and the current financial year; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to make agriculture a viable profession?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The outlays approved for each State/Union Territory for Agriculture and Allied Activities in the States'/ Union Territories' Annual Plans for 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given in the attached statement.

(b) All the programmes for development of agriculture are intended to provid the farmers with profitable technology, extension service, input support as well as incentive prices for the produce and development of requisite infrastructure for the purpose to make agriculture a viable profession. Also, the Government announces each season procurement/minimum support prices for major agricultural commodities and organises purchases through public/cooperative agencies. Efforts have been intensified for achieving self sufficiency in foodgrains, pulses and oilseeds through evolution of high yielding and disease resistant varities.